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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 2, 2002

APPLICATION OF

NORTHERN VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

CASE NO. PUE020086

For review of tariffs and terms and conditions of service

ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

Pursuant to Rule 20 VAC 5-312-90 K of the Commission's Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules"), each local distribution company is to provide a plan outlining its program to provide "price-to-compare" information and assistance to customers to the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation as least 90 days prior to the implementation of full or phased-in retail access.

On March 28, 2002, Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative ("NOVEC"), by counsel, filed a Request for Waiver of Rule 20 VAC 5-312-90 K. With July 1, 2002, as its target date to commence retail access, NOVEC states that it intended to submit a plan for its price-to-compare program to the Commission Staff no later than April 2, 2002. However, according to NOVEC, development of its price-to-compare program (and the supporting plan) is dependent on a number of factors, including what methodology it will be permitted to use to adjust its rates to

allow for changes in fuel costs. Issues related to the methodology Virginia cooperatives may use for fuel factor adjustments and how market prices will be set will now be addressed in Case No. PUE010306. NOVEC states that these fuel issues must be resolved before NOVEC can develop its program to provide price-to-compare information.

Counsel for NOVEC represents that no party will be prejudiced by the granting of a waiver, and the Commission Staff does not oppose the requested waiver.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered NOVEC's request for waiver of Rule 20 VAC 5-312-90 K, finds that it is reasonable and should be granted. However, we will direct NOVEC to submit its price-to-compare information pursuant to Rule 20 VAC 5-312-90 K to the Staff no later than 30 days subsequent to the Commission's order in Case No. PUE010306 resolving the issues related to the frequency of fuel cost adjustments for the cooperatives.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) NOVEC's request for waiver of Rule 20 VAC 5-312-90 K of the Retail Access Rules is hereby granted.
- (2) NOVEC shall submit to the Commission's Division of Energy Regulation a plan for its price-to-compare program no later than 30 days subsequent to the Commission's order in Case

- No. PUE010306 resolving the issues related to the frequency of fuel cost adjustments for the cooperatives.
- (3) This case is continued for further orders of the Commission.